

Threatened and Endangered Species in Forests of Wisconsin

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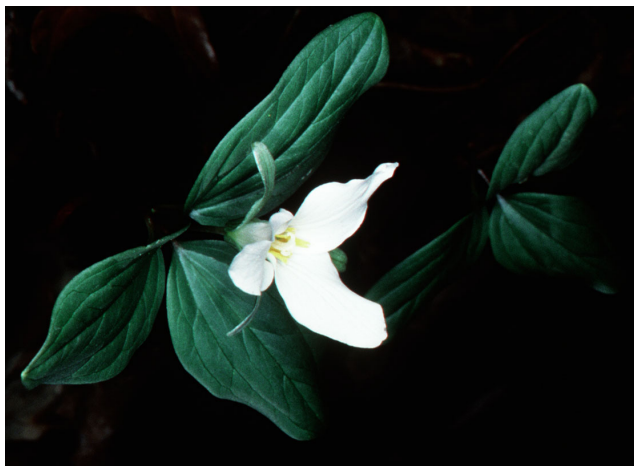


SNOW TRILLIUM

(*Trillium nivale*)

Federal Status: Not Listed

State Status: Threatened



Description: Snow trilliums are the earliest of the trilliums to flower in Wisconsin woodlands. Their snow-white blossoms appear from mid-March to mid-April. Growing only 5 inches tall, with blossoms little more than 1 inch in diameter, this wildflower reminds some people of a miniature version of the more common large white trillium. Like all members of the group, this rare trillium has three leaves per stalk.



Habitat: Snow trillium grows in rich calcareous soils in beech/maple/basswood and red oak forests. In Wisconsin, this rare trillium grows in only a few counties in the southeastern and western parts of the state.

Forestry Considerations: Woodlot grazing has eliminated many populations in the state. Single-tree selection and small group-selection silviculture may be compatible with the survival of this wildflower. Such harvest should take place only in the winter when the forest soil is solidly frozen. Avoid late winter or spring logging.

